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EVANSVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR ARSON AND CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ARSON

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Travis C. Adams, 28, of Evansville, Indiana, was sentenced to 18 months in a community corrections work release facility and 3 years of supervised release late yesterday by U.S. District Chief Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to arson fraud and conspiracy to commit arson. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives and the Evansville Fire Department.

On June 21, 2008, Adams started a fire in the 100 block of East Oregon Street, in Evansville, Ind., at a rental property that was owned by co-defendant Christopher Kimbrough. Adams agreed to start the fire for Kimbrough in exchange for \$10,000. The Evansville Fire Department estimated the loss for the building and contents was \$50,000. Additional investigation found that the property was insured by Kimbrough for \$80,000. An Evansville Fire Department Investigator ruled that the fire was caused by arson based on multiple points of origin. Kimbrough attempted to collect insurance proceeds on the property after the fire and purchased items for Adams as payment for starting the fire.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young ordered Adams to make restitution in the amount of \$14,818.40 to the Evansville Fire Department and other victims of his offenses.

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